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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/FI00/00320	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 14.04.2000	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 28.04.1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC ₇ D 21 F 1/02, D 21 F 1/08		
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I. Basis of the report

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- ☒ the drawings:
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- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1) EP 0824157 A2

D2) US 4897158 A

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Therefore, the claimed invention according to claims 1-7 is novel, is considered to involve an inventive step and be industrially applicable.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

SE,DK,FI,NO classes as above

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 0824157 A2 (VOITH SULZER PAPIERMASCHINEN GMBH), 18 February 1998 (18.02.98), column 8, line 22 - column 11, line 21, figures 1-4 --	1-9
X	US 4897158 A (ELMER WEISSHUHN ET AL), 30 January 1990 (30.01.90), column 12, line 10 - column 13, line 58, figure 6 -----	1-9

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. ☒ See patent family annex.

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EP	0824157	A2	18/02/98	DE	19632672	A	19/02/98
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US	4897158	A	30/01/90	AT	47438	T	15/11/89
				DE	3514554	A,C,R	27/03/86
				DE	3573813	D	00/00/00
				EP	0195807	A,B	01/10/86
				SE	0195807	T3	
				FI	90359	B	15/10/93
				FI	861944	A	09/05/86
				US	4888094	A	19/12/89
				US	4898643	A	06/02/90
				WO	8601844	A	27/03/86
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Claims

1. A method for passing dilution water into connection with a stock flow passed from a stock inlet header of a headbox in a paper or board machine, **characterized** in that, in
5 the method, dilution is carried out in at least two stages using in the first dilution stage (I) valves (V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots) fitted with a larger mutual spacing at different points of width across the headbox and passing the dilution water through said valves to desired points of width of the headbox according to the requirement of control of the basis weight of paper or board, and that, in the method, in the second dilution stage (II), dilution water
10 is passed into connection with the stock flow coming from the first dilution stage (I), said dilution water being controlled by means of valves (V_1', V_2', \dots), which valves (V_1', V_2', \dots) have been fitted with a denser spacing than the valves (V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots) of the first dilution stage (I), and that coarse control of the basis weight profile of the stock (M_1) is carried out in the first dilution stage (I) and fine control of the basis weight profile of the stock (M_1) is carried out in the second dilution stage (II) across the width of the machine.
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2. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that in the second stage (II) of dilution, as dilution water is used water the solids, filler or fibre content of which is
20 substantially lower in percentage terms than that of the dilution water of the first stage (I) of dilution.
3. A method according to claim 1 or 2, **characterized** in that the dilution water used in the second dilution stage (II) is raw water or clarified white water.
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4. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the dilution water of the first stage (I) is white water.
5. A headbox (10) of a paper or board machine which comprises a stock inlet header
30 (J_1) and after that a tube bank (11) and after the tube bank an intermediate chamber (12) and after the intermediate chamber a turbulence generator (13) and after the turbulence

- generator a slice cone (14) from which stock is passed further onto a forming wire (H_1), characterized in that the apparatus comprises valves (V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots) of a first dilution stage (I), through which valves dilution water is passed into connection with the stock (M_1) passed from the inlet header (J_1) to desired points across the width of the headbox
- 5 so as to control the basis weight of the web in the first stage (I), and that the headbox comprises valves (V_1', V_2', V_3', \dots) of a second dilution stage (II), through which valves (V_1', V_2', \dots) the dilution water of the second stage is passed into connection with the stock (M_1) coming from the first dilution stage (I), and that the valves (V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots) of the first dilution stage (I) are spaced a longer distance from one another than the valves
- 10 (V_1', V_2', V_3', \dots) of the second dilution stage (II), in which connection coarse control of the basis weight of the web is carried out by means of the valves (V_1, V_2, \dots) of the first dilution stage (I) and fine control of the basis weight of the web is carried out by means of the valves (V_1', V_2', \dots) of the second dilution stage (II).
- 15 6. A headbox of a paper or board machine according to claim 5, characterized in that the dilution water of the first dilution stage (I) is passed into connection with the stock (M_1) passed from the stock inlet header (J_1) in connection with the tube bank (11), and that the dilution water of the second dilution stage (II) is passed into connection with the stock (M_1) coming from the first dilution stage (I) in connection with the turbulence
- 20 generator (13).
7. A headbox according to claim 5 or 6, characterized in that the apparatus comprises an inlet header (J_3) for the dilution water of the second dilution stage (II), said inlet header comprising raw water as dilution water.

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comprises valves ($V_1', V_2', V_3' \dots$) of a second dilution stage (II), through which valves
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- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
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4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
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- ☐ the drawings, sheet/fig _____

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1) EP 0824157 A2

D2) US 4897158 A

The invention according to the amended claims of September 14, 2000 relates to a method and a headbox for passing dilution water into connection with a stock flow in a paper or board machine.

Document D1 discloses a method to distribute a fibre suspension in a headbox of a paper machine.

Document D2 discloses a headbox for a papermaking machine with an adjustable distribution of the fibre stock suspension over the web width.

Both the cited documents are now considered to show the closest background art. The reason for this revaluation is that none of the documents disclose a method for passing dilution water to a stock flow in a headbox in at least two stages using in the first dilution stage, valves fitted with a larger mutual spacing at different points of width across the headbox, and using in the second dilution stage, valves fitted with a denser spacing than the valves of the first dilution stage. A coarse control of the basis weight profile of the stock is carried out in the first dilution stage, and a fine control in the second dilution stage across the width of the machine.

Therefore, the claimed invention according to claims 1-7 is novel, is considered to involve an inventive step and be industrially applicable.

Claims

1. A method for passing dilution water into connection with a stock flow passed from a stock inlet header of a headbox in a paper or board machine, **characterized** in that, in the method, dilution is carried out in at least two stages using in the first dilution stage (I) valves (V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots) fitted with a larger mutual spacing at different points of width across the headbox and passing the dilution water through said valves to desired points of width of the headbox according to the requirement of control of the basis weight of paper or board, and that, in the method, in the second dilution stage (II), dilution water is passed into connection with the stock flow coming from the first dilution stage (I), said dilution water being controlled by means of valves (V_1', V_2', \dots), which valves (V_1', V_2', \dots) have been fitted with a denser spacing than the valves (V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots) of the first dilution stage (I), and that coarse control of the basis weight profile of the stock (M_1) is carried out in the first dilution stage (I) and fine control of the basis weight profile of the stock (M_1) is carried out in the second dilution stage (II) across the width of the machine.
2. A method according to claim 1, **characterized** in that in the second stage (II) of dilution, as dilution water is used water the solids, filler or fibre content of which is substantially lower in percentage terms than that of the dilution water of the first stage (I) of dilution.
3. A method according to claim 1 or 2, **characterized** in that the dilution water used in the second dilution stage (II) is raw water or clarified white water.
4. A method according to any one of the preceding claims, **characterized** in that the dilution water of the first stage (I) is white water.
5. A headbox (10) of a paper or board machine which comprises a stock inlet header (J_1) and after that a tube bank (11) and after the tube bank an intermediate chamber (12) and after the intermediate chamber a turbulence generator (13) and after the turbulence

- generator a slice cone (14) from which stock is passed further onto a forming wire (H_1), **characterized** in that the apparatus comprises valves (V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots) of a first dilution stage (I), through which valves dilution water is passed into connection with the stock (M_1) passed from the inlet header (J_1) to desired points across the width of the headbox
- 5 so as to control the basis weight of the web in the first stage (I), and that the headbox comprises valves (V_1', V_2', V_3', \dots) of a second dilution stage (II), through which valves (V_1', V_2', \dots) the dilution water of the second stage is passed into connection with the stock (M_1) coming from the first dilution stage (I), and that the valves (V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots) of the first dilution stage (I) are spaced a longer distance from one another than the valves
- 10 (V_1', V_2', V_3', \dots) of the second dilution stage (II), in which connection coarse control of the basis weight of the web is carried out by means of the valves (V_1, V_2, \dots) of the first dilution stage (I) and fine control of the basis weight of the web is carried out by means of the valves (V_1', V_2', \dots) of the second dilution stage (II).
- 15 6. A headbox of a paper or board machine according to claim 5, **characterized** in that the dilution water of the first dilution stage (I) is passed into connection with the stock (M_1) passed from the stock inlet header (J_1) in connection with the tube bank (11), and that the dilution water of the second dilution stage (II) is passed into connection with the stock (M_1) coming from the first dilution stage (I) in connection with the turbulence
- 20 generator (13).
7. A headbox according to claim 5 or 6, **characterized** in that the apparatus comprises an inlet header (J_3) for the dilution water of the second dilution stage (II), said inlet header comprising raw water as dilution water.

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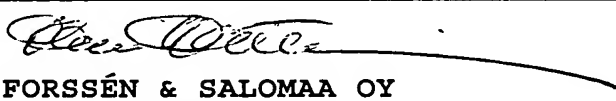
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FIG. 1A

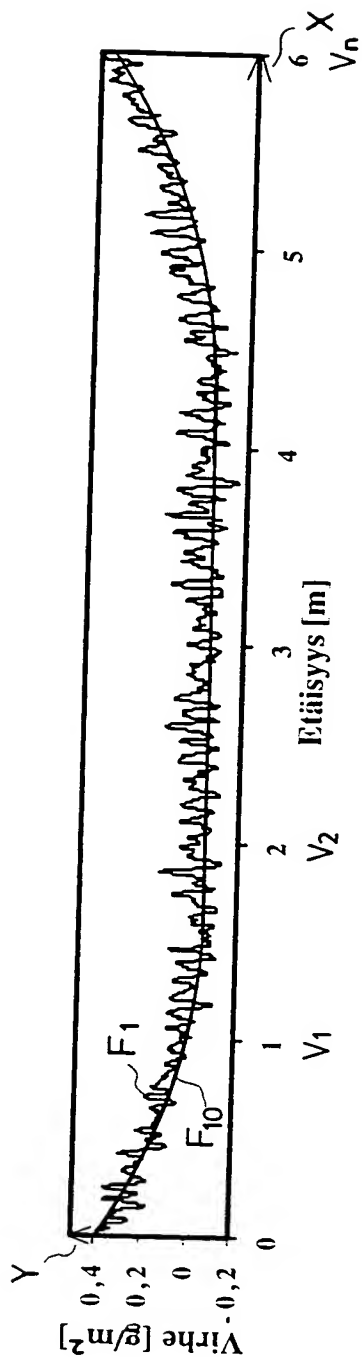


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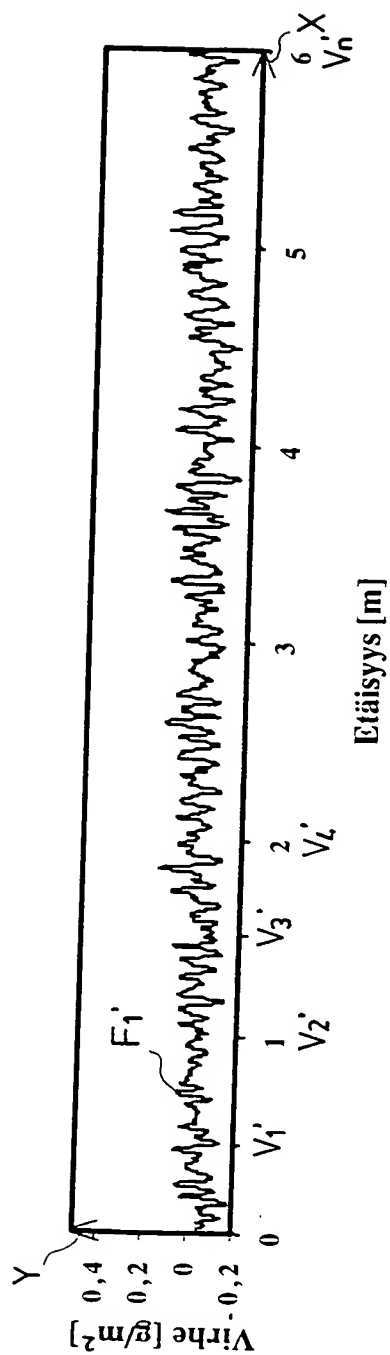
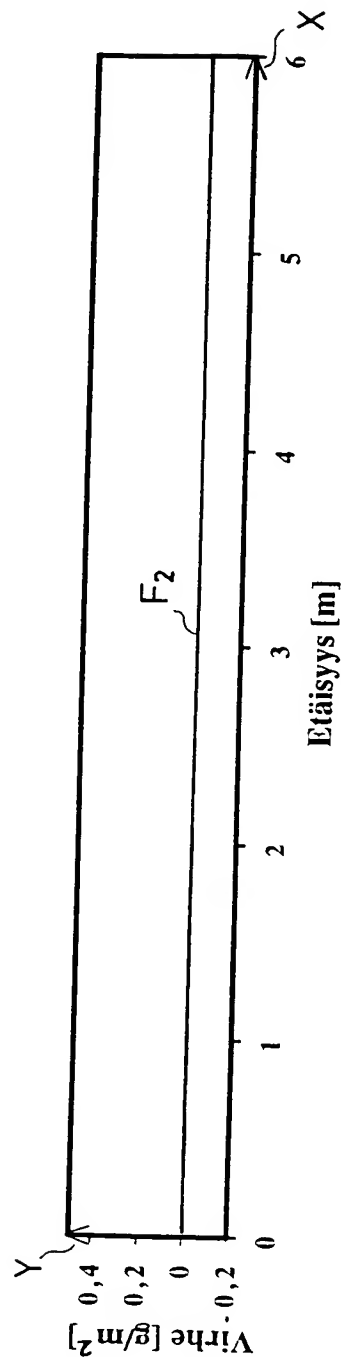


FIG. 1C



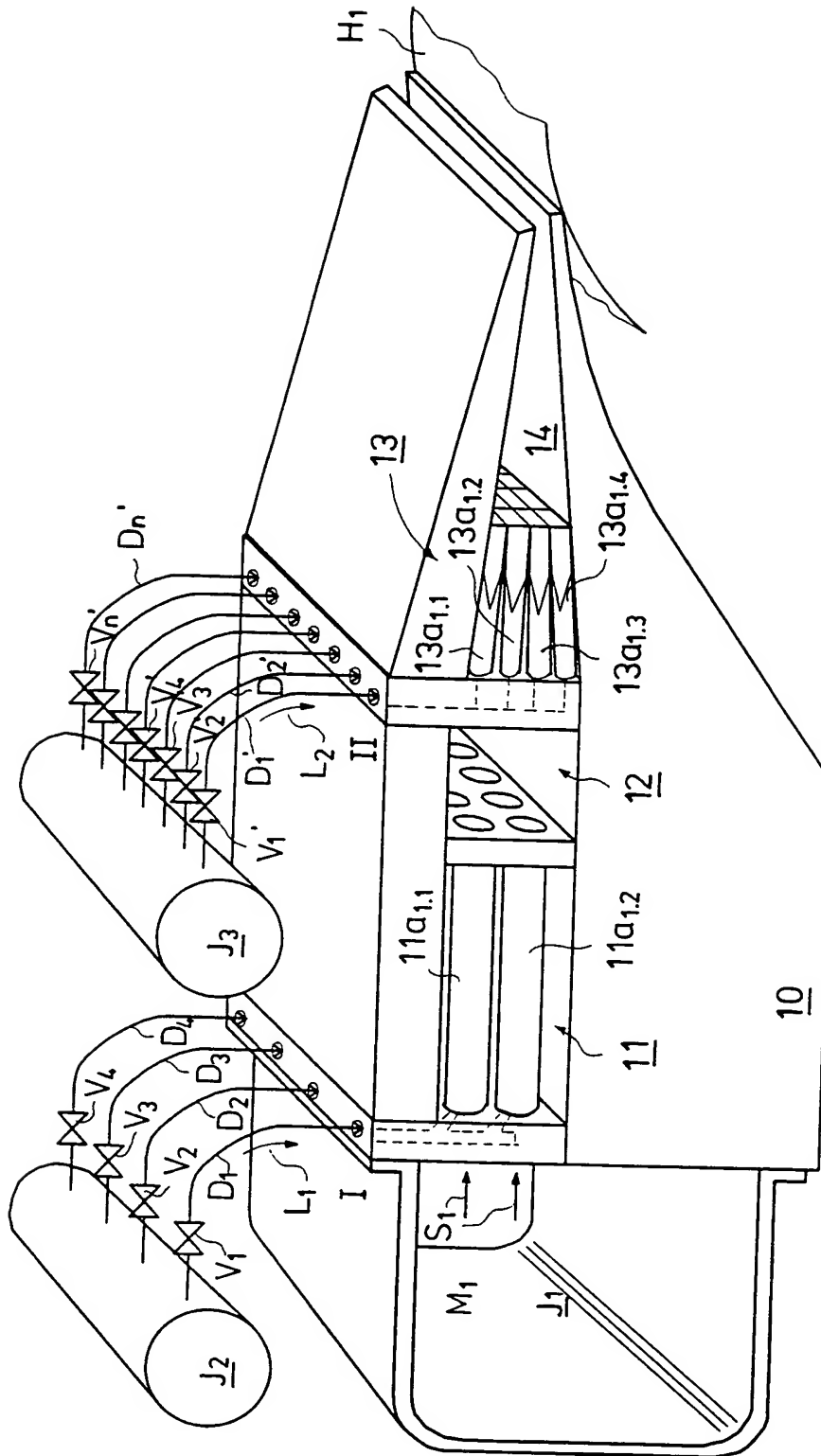


FIG. 2

Menetelmä ja laitteisto laimennusnesteen sekoittamiseksi
massavirtaukseen paperikoneessa tai kartonkikoneessa

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Keksinnön kohteena on menetelmä ja laitteisto laimennusnesteen sekoittamiseksi massavirtaukseen paperikoneessa tai kartonkikoneessa.

10 Tekniikan tason osalta viittaamme julkaisuun DE-19723861 ja FI 901593.

On osoittautunut, että mittauslaitteiden kehittymisen myötä markkinoilla neliömassaprofiilin säätötarkkuusvaatimukset kasvavat aina vain enemmän. Tavanomaisen ns. laimennusperälaatikon laimennusjakoväli on tällä hetkellä noin 32–75 mm, eikä sen
15 pienentäminen enää ole mahdollista, jos laimennusvetenä käytetään kuituja sisältävää viiravettä, koska viiravedellä auki pysyvät laimennuksen syöttökanavat eivät mahdu tiheällä jaolla olevien pillirivien väliin.

Ratkaisuksi esitetään tarvittaessa laimennuksen muuttamista kaksivaiheiseksi siten, että
20 karkeasäätö tehdään viiravedellä ja hienosäätö raakavedellä.

Kasvava säätötarkkuusvaatimus edellyttää yhä tiheämpää laimennusjakoväliä ja sitä kautta yhä ahtaampia laimennussyöttökanavia. Mikäli laimennusvetenä käytetään viiravettä, tukkeentuvat ahtaat laimennuskanavat helposti. Raakavedellä ei tukkeentumisongelmia esiinny, mutta sen "täysimääräinen käyttö" ei ole taloudellisista ja ympäristösyistä järkevää.
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Kaksivaiheisen laimennuksen idea on korjata suuret neliömassaprofiilivirheet suurella viiravesimäärällä ja pienet profiilivirheet pienellä raakavesimäärällä. Näin saavutetaan
30 paperitehtaalla hyvä raakavesitalous.

Toinen kaksivaiheisuuden etu on neliömassaprofiilin hyvä säätömahdollisuus. Voidaan käyttää koko venttiilin säätöalue hyväksi ja voidaan valita molempiin säätöihin optimikokoiset säätöventtiilit.

- 5 Karkeasäätö tehdään jakotukin jälkeiseen pillistöön kuten konventionaalisessa perälaatikossa. Säädön jakoväli ensimmäisessä laimennusvaiheessa voidaan kasvattaa esim. 120 mm:iin siten, että yksi laimennuselin syöttää kahta pilliriviä. Karkeasäätö korjaa profiilin karkeat muotovirheet, kuten esim. radan kutistumisesta aiheutuvat profiilivirheet. Karkeasäädön jälkeen profiiliin jäljelle jäävät pienet virheet korjataan toisen vaiheen hienosäätölaimennuksella.
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- Hienosäätö tehdään turbulenssigenaattorilaimennuksena laimentamalla joitain, tai jokaista, turbulenssigenaattorin pilliä. Jäljellä olevien pienten virheiden korjaamiseen tarvitaan hyvin pieni laimennus, joten hienosäädön laimennusvetenä voidaan käyttää taloudellisesti raakavettä tai kuitujen talteenotosta saatavaa kirkastettua viiravettä. Kos-
- 15 ka esim. raakavesi ei sisällä likaavia tai tukkivia partikkeleita, voidaan laimennuskana-
- vat tehdä hyvin ahtaisiin tiloihin. Lisäksi säätöventtiilit, sekä venttiilejä käyttävät toimilaitteet, voivat olla tavallisia markkinoilta löytyviä standardilaitteita, jotka ovat huomattavasti edullisempia konventionaaliin laimennusventtiileihin ja toimilaitteisiin
- 20 verrattuna.

- Paikallinen minimilaimennus raakavedellä voi olla lähes 0 % ja maksimipaikallislaimennuksen ei tarvitse olla korkea, koska raakaveden sakeus on 0 % ja jäljellä oleva korjattava virhe on pieni. Näin ollen kalliimpaa raakavettä kulutetaan hyvin pieni määrä. Raakaveden syötölle ei tarvita erillistä kiertoa.
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- Hinnaltaan esitetty ratkaisu ei poikkea juurikaan konventionaalisen laimennusperälaatikon hinnasta. Esitetyssä ratkaisussa käytetään puolet vähemmän kalliita laimennusventtiilejä ja -toimilaitteita.
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Näin ollen entuudestaan tunnetaan sekoitinyksiköt, joissa laimennusvesi ja perälaatikon jakotukista johdettu massa sekoitetaan ja yhdistynyt virtaus johdetaan edelleen eteenpäin perälaatikossa ja muodostusviiralle. Laimennusnesteen tuontikohtia sijaitsee perälaatikon eri leveysasemissa ja näin ollen riippuvaisesti siitä tiheydestä, jolla laimennuskohtia sijaitsee perälaatikon leveydeltä, saadaan haluttu resoluutio rainan neliöpainon säätöön.

Keksinnön mukaiselle menetelmälle ja laitteistolle on tunnusomaista se, mitä on esitetty patenttivaatimuksissa.

Tässä hakemuksessa ehdotetaan siten käytettäväksi ainakin kaksiportaista laimennusta. Laimennuksen ensimmäisessä vaiheessa suoritetaan neliöpainoprofiilin karkeasäätö ja laimennuksen toisessa vaiheessa hienosäätö. Ensimmäisessä vaiheessa käytetään viiravettä laimennusvetenä ja ensimmäisessä vaiheessa ovat venttiilit harvemmallalla jaotuksella kuin toisessa säätövaiheessa, jossa venttiilit ovat tiheämmällä jaotuksella kuin ensimmäisessä laimennusvaiheessa. Etuna ratkaisussa on se, että toisen vaiheen venttiilit voivat olla konstruktioltaan vähemmän tarkkuutta vaativia ja siten halvempia kuin ensimmäisen vaiheen venttiilit. Ne eivät tukkeudu, koska toisessa vaiheessa käytetään kuituja sisältämätöntä laimennusvettä. Venttiilit voivat siten sisältää pienemmät kanavat. Ne eivät vaadi paljon tilaa.

Keksinnön puitteissa voidaan käyttää myös kolmivaiheisia tai useampivaiheista säätöä, mutta edullisin säätöratkaisu on kaksivaiheinen laimennusnesteen säätö.

Paperikoneen tai kartonkikoneen perälaatikkorakenne voi olla edullisesti seuraava:

- a) massa johdetaan massanjakotukkiin, joka kapenee poistopäätyään kohti tavanomaisesti,
- b) massanjakotukista johdetaan massavirta pillistöön ja edelleen pillistön kautta välikammioon,

- c) välikammioista johdetaan massavirtaus edelleen turbulenssigeneraattoriin ja turbulenssigeneraattorista edelleen huulikartion kautta muodostusviiralle.

5 Keksintöä selostetaan seuraavassa viittaamalla oheisien piirustuksien kuvioissa esitettyihin keksinnön eräisiin edullisiin suoritusmuotoihin, joihin keksintöä ei ole tarkoitus kuitenkaan yksinomaan rajoittaa.

10 Keksinnön mukaisesti sijaitsevat ensimmäiset laimennusvaiheen venttiilit pillistön yhteydessä ja toisen laimennusvaiheen venttiilit välikammion jälkeen turbulenssigeneraattorin yhteydessä.

15 Kuvioissa 1A–1C on esitetty keksinnön mukainen menetelmä vaiheittain. Kuvion 1A kuvaaja F_1 esittää korjaamatonta jakotukilta J_1 johdetun massan neliöpainoprofiilia koneleveydeltä. Ensimmäisessä laimennusvaiheessa suoritetaan karkea neliöpainoprofiililisäätö ensimmäisen laimennusvaiheen venttiileillä V_1, V_2, \dots

Neliöpainoprofiilia säätävien venttiilien $V_1, V_2 \dots$ jälkeistä neliöpainoprofiilia esitetään kuvion 1B kuvaajassa F_1' .

20 Kuviossa 1C kuvaaja F_2 esittää toisen laimennusvaiheen jälkeistä korjattua massan neliöpainoprofiilia. Toisen laimennusvaiheen laimennusventtiilit $V_1', V_2' \dots$ on sijoitettu esimerkiksi turbulenssigeneraattorin yhteyteen. Kuvaaja F_2 esittää neliöpainoprofiilia massavirrassa koneleveydeltä toisen vaiheen venttiilien $V_1', V_2' \dots$ suorittaman säädön jälkeen.

25 Kuvioissa 1A–1C esittää vaakakoordinaatti X perälaatikkokäyttöä ja pystykoordinaatti Y esittää neliöpainoa. Pystykoordinaatista Y on luettavissa massassa ja edelleen rai-
nassa esiintyvä neliöpainon poikkeama 0-tasosta eli neliöpainovirhe. Neliöpainoprofiili voidaan mitata massavirrasta, mutta helpoin tapa on mitata neliöpaino valmiista paperi-
30 tai kartonkirainasta.

Kuviossa 2 on esitetty keksinnön mukainen paperikoneen tai kartonkikoneen perälaatikko.

- 5 Kuviossa 1A ensimmäisessä kuvaajassa F_1 on esitetty ensimmäisen laimennusvaiheen säätö. Kuvaaja F_1 esittää massassa esiintyvää neliöpainovaihtelua ennen ensimmäisen vaiheen säätöventtiilejä $V_1, V_2, V_3 \dots$

- 10 Kuviossa 1A esittää kuvaaja F_1 massassa M_1 esiintyvää neliöpainovaihtelua. Keskimääräinen neliöpainovaihtelu on esitetty edelleen kuvaajalla F_{10} . Niin kuin kuvaajasta F_{10} nähdään esiintyy neliöpainossa ensinnäkin muotovirhe ja toiseksi paikallinen virhe. Kyseinen muotovirhe korjataan ensimmäisen laimennusvaiheen I säätöventtiileillä $V_1, V_2 \dots$ niin, että kuvaajasta F_{10} saadaan suora. Paikalliset virheet korjataan toisen vaiheen II neliöpainosäädöllä venttiileillä $V_1', V_2' \dots$

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- Kuvion 1B kuvaaja F_1' esittää ensimmäisen vaiheen jälkeistä tilannetta, jolloin laimennusnesteen tuonnilla on toteutettu massan M_1 neliöpainon säätö. Kuvaajassa vaakakoordinaatisto X esittää perälaatikon poikkisuuntaista asemaa ja venttiilien asemia on merkitty $V_1', V_2', V_3' \dots$ vaakakoordinaatistoon X. Pystykoordinaatistossa Y on esitetty massan neliöpainovirhe ensimmäisen vaiheen I säädön jälkeen.

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- 25 Kuviossa 1C on esitetty toisen laimennusvaiheen II neliöpainosäätöä. Kuvaaja F_2 esittää tilannetta toisen laimennusvaiheen laimennusnesteventtiilien $V_1', V_2', V_3' \dots$ jälkeen. Kuvaaja F_2 on suora ja neliöpainovirhettä ei enää esiinny. Kuvaajassa vaakakoordinaatit kuvaavat perälaatikkoleveyttä ja venttiilien asemaa on merkitty $V_1', V_2' \dots$ kulloiseenkin vaakakoordinaatiston X pisteeseen. Pystykoordinaatti Y esittää massan neliöpainovirhettä. 0-taso esittää virheetöntä vakioneliöpainotilannetta. Ensimmäisen vaiheen I laimennusvetenä käytetään viiravettä, joka voi sisältää kuituja ja täyte-/hienoaineita. Toisen vaiheen II laimennus suoritetaan laimennusvedellä, jossa ei ole kuituja, kuten raakavedellä. Etuna tällöin on, että voidaan käyttää tavanomaisia venttiilejä $V_1', V_2', V_3' \dots$, koska kuitujen aiheuttamaa kanavien tukkeutumisriskiä ei ole.

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Mainitunlaiset laimennusvesisyötöt voidaan sijoittaa pienemmällä jaotuksella kuin nykyisin laimennussäädössä olevan 60 mm sijaan voidaan mennä 30 mm säätöön venttiilien välillä. Käytettävä laimennusvesimäärä on vähäinen ja erillistä laimennusveden kiertoa ei tarvita. Näin ollen keksinnön mukainen ratkaisu on konstruktioltaan edullinen ja sillä päästään tiheämpään venttiilien väliseen jaotukseen eli suurempaan resoluutioon eli säädön tarkkuuteen. Käyttämällä raakavettä toisen vaiheen säädössä voidaan käyttää tavanomaisia venttiiliratkaisuja, jolloin myös venttiilit voidaan sijoittaa jopa 20–30 mm jaotuksella toisiinsa nähden. Sen sijaan ensimmäisen vaiheen säädössä voidaan säätöresoluutiota mainitun vaiheen kohdalla muuttaa niin, että venttiilit, esim. 60 mm:n tavanomaisen 1-vaihelaimennuksen sijaan ovat esimerkiksi 120 mm:n jaotuksella toisiinsa nähden. Näin ollen käyttämällä keksinnön mukaista ratkaisua, jossa ensimmäisen vaiheen laimennuksessa laimennusvetenä käytetään viiravettä ja toisen vaiheen laimennuksessa kuituja sisältämätöntä laimennusvettä, päästään kokonaislopputulokseen, jossa säätötarkkuus on parempi kuin tavanomaisessa yksivaiheisessa laimennuksessa ja jossa kuitenkin konstruktio- ja rakenteen osalta eivät ole suurentuneet yksivaiheiseen laimennukseen verrattuna.

Laimennuksen ensimmäisessä vaiheessa suoritetaan neliöpainoprofiilin karkeasäätö ja laimennuksen toisessa vaiheessa hienosäätö. Toisessa laimennusvaiheessa käytettävä laimennusvesi on edullisesti raakavettä tai kirkastettua viiravettä. Näin ollen toisen vaiheen laimennusvesi sisältää kiintoaineita ja/tai kuituja olennaisesti prosentuaalisesti vähemmän kuin ensimmäisen vaiheen laimennusvesi, joka edullisesti on viiralta otettua vettä. Edullisimmin toisen vaiheen laimennusvesi on kiinto- ja täyteaineita sekä kuituja sisältämätöntä raakavettä.

Kuviossa 2 on esitetty keksinnön mukainen paperikoneen tai kartonkikoneen perälaatikko 10. Perälaatikko käsittää massanjakotukin J_1 , massanjakotukin jälkeen pillistön 11, pillistön jälkeen välikammion 12 ja välikammion jälkeen turbulenssigeneraattorin 13 ja edelleen huulikartion 14, josta massa M_1 johdetaan muodostusviiralle H_1 . Keksinnön mukaisesti suoritetaan ensimmäisen vaiheen laimennus pillistön 11 putkiin $11a_{1,1}$,

11a_{1.2}, 11a_{4.1}, 11a_{4.2} ... venttiilien V₁, V₂, V₃ ... kautta viiraveden jakotukista J₂ johdetaan viiravesi (nuoli L₁) putkiin D₁, D₂, D₃ ... ja niiden kautta venttiileille V₁, V₂, V₃ ... ja edelleen kyseisten säädettävien venttiilien V₁, V₂ ... kautta pillistöön 11 sen putkiin 11a_{1.1}, 11a_{1.2}, 11a_{4.1}, 11a_{4.2} ... Venttiilit V₁, V₂, V₃ ... sijaitsevat esimerkiksi 120 mm jao-
 5 tuksella 10 m leveän perälaatikon yhteydessä. Toinen laimennuskohta eli toisen laimennusvaiheen II venttiilit V₁', V₂' ... sijaitsevat edullisesti turbulenssigeneraattorin 13 turbulenssiputkien 13a_{1.1}, 13a_{1.2}, 13a_{1.3}, 13a_{2.1}, 13a_{2.2}, 13a_{2.3} yhteydessä perälaatikon eri leveyspisteissä. Raakavesi johdetaan (nuoli L₂) raakaveden jakotukista J₃ kanavaan D₁', D₂', D₃' ... ja venttiilien V₁', V₂' ... kautta edelleen turbulenssigeneraattorien 13 putkiin
 10 13a_{1.1}, 13a_{1.2}, 13a_{1.3}, 13a_{2.1}, 13a_{2.2}, 13a_{2.3}, jossa raakavesi johdetaan ensimmäisessä vaiheessa laimennetun massan yhteyteen. Massan M₁ virtaus on esitetty nuolin S₁ ja laimennusvesien virtausta on esitetty nuolin L₁ ja L₂.

15 Tuotaessa laimennusneste massavirtauksen yhteyteen ensimmäisessä laimennusvaiheessa ja toisessa laimennusvaiheessa laimennusvesi johdetaan ensimmäisessä laimennusvaiheessa I joko yhteen tai useampaan, edullisesti kaikkiin, pillistön 11 kyseisen leveyskohdan putkirivien putkiin. Vastaavasti toisessa laimennusvaiheessa II voidaan laimennusvesi johtaa joko yhteen kyseisen leveyskohdan turbulenssigeneraattorin 13 putkeen tai kyseisen leveyskohdan useampaan putkeen, edullisesti kaikkiin putkiin.

Patenttivaatimukset

1. Menetelmä laimennusveden johtamiseksi paperikoneen tai kartonkikoneen perälaatikon massanjakotukista johdetun massavirtauksen yhteyteen, **tunnettu** siitä, että menetelmässä suoritetaan laimennus ainakin kaksivaiheisesti käyttämällä ensimmäisessä laimennusvaiheessa (I) suuremmalla keskinäisellä välimatkalla perälaatikon eri leveyskohdissa olevia venttiilejä ($V_1, V_2, V_3 \dots$) ja johtamalla laimennusvesi mainittujen venttiilien kautta halutuille perälaatikon leveyskohdille paperin tai kartongin neliöpainon säätötarpeen mukaisesti ja että menetelmässä toisessa laimennusvaiheessa (II) johdetaan ensimmäisestä laimennusvaiheesta (I) tulevan massavirtauksen yhteyteen laimennusvettä, jota säädetään venttiileillä ($V_1', V_2' \dots$), jotka venttiilit ($V_1', V_2' \dots$) on asetettu tiheämmälle jaotukselle kuin ensimmäisen laimennusvaiheen (I) venttiilit ($V_1, V_2, V_3 \dots$).
2. Patenttivaatimuksen 1 mukainen menetelmä, **tunnettu** siitä, että laimennuksen ensimmäisessä vaiheessa (I) suoritetaan massan (M_1) neliöpainoprofiilin karkeasäätö ja laimennuksen toisessa vaiheessa (II) massan (M_1) neliöpainoprofiilin hienosäätö koneleveydeltä.
3. Patenttivaatimuksen 1 tai 2 mukainen menetelmä, **tunnettu** siitä, että laimennuksen toisessa vaiheessa (II) käytetään laimennusvetenä vettä, jonka kiintoaine, täyteaine tai kuitupitoisuus on olennaisesti prosentuaalisesti pienempi kuin ensimmäisen laimennusvaiheen (I) laimennusveden.
4. Jonkin edellä olevan patenttivaatimuksen 1–3 mukainen menetelmä, **tunnettu** siitä, että toisessa laimennusvaiheessa (II) käytettävä laimennusvesi on raakavettä tai kirkastettua viiravettä.
5. Jonkin edellä olevan patenttivaatimuksen mukainen menetelmä, **tunnettu** siitä, että ensimmäisen vaiheen (I) laimennusvesi on viiravettä.

6. Paperikoneen tai kartonkikoneen perälaatikko (10), joka käsittää massanjakotukin (J_1) ja sen jälkeen pillistön (11) ja pillistön jälkeen välikammion (12) ja välikammion jälkeen turbulenssigenaattorin (13) ja turbulenssigenaattorin jälkeen huulikartion (14), josta massa johdetaan edelleen muodostusviiralle (H_1), **tunnettu** siitä, että laitteisto käsittää ensimmäisen laimennusvaiheen (I) venttiilit ($V_1, V_2, V_3 \dots$), joiden kautta johdetaan laimennusvettä jakotukista (J_1) johdetun massan (M_1) yhteyteen halutuille kohdille perälaatikkoleveyttä rainan neliöpainon säätämiseksi ensimmäisessä vaiheessa (I) ja että perälaatikko käsittää toisen laimennusvaiheen (II) venttiilit ($V_1', V_2', V_3' \dots$), joiden venttiilien ($V_1', V_2' \dots$) kautta johdetaan toisen laimennusvaiheen laimennusvesi ensimmäisestä laimennusvaiheesta (I) tulleen massan (M_1) yhteyteen.
7. Patenttivaatimuksen 6 mukainen paperikoneen tai kartonkikoneen perälaatikko, **tunnettu** siitä, että ensimmäisen laimennusvaiheen (I) laimennusvesi johdetaan massanjakotukista (J_1) johdetun massan (M_1) yhteyteen perälaatikon pillistön (11) yhteydessä ja että toisen laimennusvaiheen (II) laimennusvesi johdetaan ensimmäisestä laimennusvaiheesta (I) tulleen massan (M_1) yhteyteen turbulenssigenaattorin (13) yhteydessä.
8. Patenttivaatimuksen 6 tai 7 mukainen perälaatikko, **tunnettu** siitä, että ensimmäisen laimennusvaiheen (I) venttiilit ($V_1, V_2, V_3 \dots$) ovat suuremman keskinäisen välimatkan päässä toisistaan kuin toisen laimennusvaiheen (II) venttiilit ($V_1', V_2, V_3' \dots$), jolloin ensimmäisen laimennusvaiheen (I) venttiileillä ($V_1, V_2 \dots$) suoritetaan rainan neliöpainon karkeasäätö ja toisen laimennusvaiheen (II) venttiileillä ($V_1', V_2' \dots$) suoritetaan rainan neliöpainon hienosäätö.
9. Jonkin edellä olevan patenttivaatimuksen 6–8 mukainen perälaatikko, **tunnettu** siitä, että laitteisto käsittää toisen laimennusvaiheen (II) laimennusvedelle jakotukin (J_3), joka käsittää laimennusvetenä raakavettä.

Tiivistelmä

Keksinnön kohteena on menetelmä ja laitteisto laimennusnesteen sekoittamiseksi massavirtaukseen paperikoneessa tai kartonkikoneessa. Menetelmässä suoritetaan laimennus ainakin kaksivaiheisesti käyttämällä ensimmäisessä laimennusvaiheessa (I) suuremmalla keskinäisellä välimatkalla perälaatikon eri leveyskohdissa olevia venttiilejä ($V_1, V_2, V_3 \dots$) ja johtamalla laimennusvesi mainittujen venttiilien kautta halutuille perälaatikon leveyskohdille paperin tai kartongin neliöpainon säätötarpeen mukaisesti. Menetelmässä toisessa laimennusvaiheessa (II) johdetaan ensimmäisestä laimennusvaiheesta (I) tulevan massavirtauksen yhteyteen laimennusvettä, jota säädetään venttiileillä ($V_1', V_2' \dots$), jotka venttiilit ($V_1', V_2' \dots$) on asetettu tiheämmälle jaotukselle kuin ensimmäisen laimennusvaiheen (I) venttiilit ($V_1, V_2, V_3 \dots$).

(Fig. 2)

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